

America250 Ad Hoc Committee  
May 5, 2026 – 7pm  
Plymouth Historical Society, 572 Main Street, Plymouth, CT 06782

Present: Michele Moskaluk, Jerry Milne, Gretchen DelCegno, Bill Rinko, Denise Clapsaddle

Meeting called to order 7:05

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of March meeting accepted. Motioned by Michelle & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Jean, carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None

**America250 – CT Commission Update**

Town of Plymouth will receive a Charter Oak sapling in the Fall.

All municipal committees will receive a \$500 stipend for America250 planning. The application for the funding will open soon.

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*Denise Clapsaddle*  
TOWN CLERK

**Treasurer's Report**

Starting balance on 4/21/2026 was \$1,769.57. Revenue of \$1,340.00 was recorded from T-Shirt/Hat Sales and a grant from Main Street Community Foundation. Expenses of \$1,400 were recorded for May 16, 2026 event expenses. Ending balance on 5/5/2026 was \$1,709.57.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gretchen. Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

*Fundraisers*

We received a \$1,000 grant from Main Street Community Foundation for the Olde Plymouth Day Festival. This is a huge help to cover the cost of the Mattatuck Drum Band.

*Upcoming Programs*

Ken Burns Watch Party is going well. Consistent attendance has meant that we've welcomed approximately 45 participants so far. The next watch party will be held May 13 at 7pm in the Meeting House at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

*Big Events*

Olde Plymouth Day Festival

Accessible portable toilet will be delivered Friday, 5/15 and picked up Monday, 5/18. Cost of approximately \$405.00.

The "Spice Girls" (aka Mary Jean and Dorine) will be selling Nutmeg Spices. The Information Table with T-Shirts/Hats and flyers will be set up next to them. There will also be a children's craft at that table.

We'll be getting the Rev War Flags back from the High School. Gretchen will get them back on the flagpoles and will notify Jerry so that he can pick them up and we can get them back on the Plymouth Green.

Due to cost, we're not going to get shuttle bus for this event.

Gretchen confirmed that Park St. is closed from 9am – 4pm. She has requested parking barriers from the town. She will reach back out to the police to request temporary road closure signs.

Lions are donating Trash Barrels for the event. The Town will help with transporting the barrels from the Fairgrounds to the Plymouth Green and back again. We will need to provide construction grade bags.

The "Date Night" scavenger hunt is starting at RYB Café on May 9. \$10 per person for the clue sheet. All clues are located on the Plymouth Green. They return to Café RYB and turn in their clue sheet for a specialty drink and to be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Café Gift Card.

The family-focused Plymouth Revolutionary Treasure hunt is also on the Green. That activity is free and the clue sheets can be picked up from the Library, Church, and at the Olde Plymouth Day. The sheets are also available from the Historical Society website and the America250 Facebook page.

Denise will check in vendors on the morning of the Olde Plymouth Day.

### **New Business**

#### *Fundraisers*

Nothing to report.

#### *Upcoming Programs*

Nothing new to report.

#### *Big Events*

#### Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic

July 3, 2026 – 6pm – 8:30pm – Main dish will be provided. Gretchen will reach out to the Lions Club to see if they may donate hot dogs & burgers. Public will be encouraged to bring sides & desserts to share.

Gretchen will contact Pony Rides. We'll offer old-timey lawn games – sack races, stilt walking, spoon races, hoop rolling, etc.

We'll need portable toilets and trash barrels for this event as well.

#### *Action Steps*

Gretchen will call a special meeting next Friday, May 15 at 5pm at the Plymouth Congregational Church to do a final review.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Rinke*

William Rinke

Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting:

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7pm*

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